



LA CRESCENT CITY NEWS

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Spring/Summer 2021

City Hall Services

Beginning May 3rd, the La Crescent DMV will no longer require appointments. However, due to the continued COVID-19 protocols the following will be in place: Due to limited space available inside City Hall, we can only accommodate three DMV patrons to wait inside at a time. For all other City Hall business please check in at the front desk for assistance. Masks will also continue to be required while inside City Hall.

Wagon Wheel Phase 3 - Bike/Pedestrian Bridge

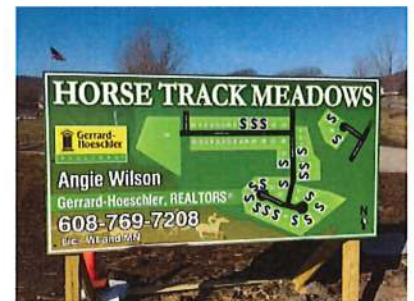
Construction for phase 3 of the Wagon Wheel project will begin this spring. A trellis style bridge will extend over Hwy 14/61. Entry and Exit points will be on S. 1st Street by Eitzen State Bank and Chestnut St. This project has been in the planning phase since 2017 and is funded in part by the 2018 State Bonding bill and MN DNR Grant (\$2.5 million), MNDot and the Transportation Alternatives Program (\$1 Million). To read more on this project, please go to the 'News' page on our website.



Horsetrack Meadows

Development Update

Located on County 6. More than half of the fifty-seven lots have sold and several homes are in the construction phase.



Safe Routes to School

As part of the Safe Routes to School plan, temporary street paint and ballards, similar to the picture on the right, will be placed at the intersections of Elm and South 4th St. and Elm and South 6th St. from July to October.

A similar layout will also be set up at the intersection of Walnut and Main Street sometime this year.

More information about Safe Routes to School can be found under 'Bike and Pedestrian Plan' on our website.



Explore La Crescent

Summer Recreation

La Crescent Aquatic Center: The Aquatic Center will open on Saturday, May 22nd, at 1:00 p.m. and will close for the season on Sunday, August 22nd, at 5:00 p.m. At this time the same restrictions apply as they did in 2020. Due to capacity restrictions, we will be limiting the use to those residents that attend or reside within the ISD 300 School District. For more information and guidance please visit 'Parks and Recreation' on our website: www.cityoflacrescent-mn.gov.

Summer Recreation: To view the Summer Recreation guide, visit 'Parks and Recreation' on our website: www.cityoflacrescent-mn.gov.

La Crescent Bicycle and Hiking Map

Pick up a newly updated La Crescent trail map at City Hall or the La Crescent Chamber of Commerce. It can also be found on the 'Parks and Recreation' page of our website.

City Parks

A complete listing of the City parks and their amenities can be found on our website: www.cityoflacrescent-mn.gov, 'Parks & Recreation'.

Old Hickory Park shelters are available to rent. If you are interested in renting for an event please call City Hall at 507-895-2595.

Wieser Park on County 6, at the entrance of the Horse Track Meadow addition, is now a City park. To reserve the shelter, please call 507-895-2595.



Tree Planting 2020 and 2021



Every Arbor Day, a group of volunteers along with City Maintenance staff plant numerous trees in the City. Due to COVID-19 in 2020, the group planting was canceled. However, an Arbor Day ceremonial tree was still planted at Veterans Park.

In 2021 a total of seventy more trees will be planted on Hickory Lane (10 trees) and Veterans Park (60 trees).

Pictured: Emma Fortsch plants the 2020 ceremonial Arbor Day tree at Veterans Park.

Building Permits

All permits for the City are now done online. Visit our website at: www.cityoflacrescent-mn.gov 'Administration' tab, 'Building & Zoning' sub-tab. If you are unsure if a permit is required, please call 507-895-2595 and ask for the Zoning Department.

Keep Trees Trimmed

Please keep trees trimmed back to the edge of the road/back of the curb to a height of 13'-6" to allow emergency vehicles to access your property and your neighbors.

Prescription Drug Drop-off Box

The Prescription Drug Drop-off box is located in City Hall and may be accessed during regular business hours 7:30 am - 6:00 pm M-Th. Meds can remain in their original containers. No need to remove or mark-out the labels. This is a confidential disposal unit. *No liquids or needles accepted.*



La Crescent Public Library

Beginning May 3rd, the La Crescent Library will have the following hours and services:



Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
(10:00 am - 6:00 pm)

For computer appointments and curbside pickup for materials.

Tuesday and Thursday
(10:00 am - 6:00 pm)

Open to public, no computer use and time limit request of no more than 20 minutes per person.

Saturday
(10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Open to the public, no computer use and time limit request of no more than 20 minutes per person.

For more information visit the La Crescent Library Website at: www.lacrescent.lib.mn.us



Keeping our Storm Sewers Clean:
What is an Illicit Discharge?

Anything that goes into the storm sewer system that is not storm water is considered an illicit discharge including but not limited to: paint, grass clippings and leaves, pet waste, motor oils, lawn chemicals, and sidewalk deicers.

How do I Report an illicit discharge?

Step 1. Observe from a safe distance. DO NOT touch or smell the substance.

Step 2. Notify the Non-Emergency Police Dispatch 507-895-4414 (Available 24/7). In case of an emergency, call 911.

Step 3. Provide the following information: your name, phone number, discovery/incident time, date, and location, description of material, and source if known, estimated extent of the problem, take photographs of the scene and send them to:
www.lacrescentwwtp@gmail.com

For more information on Storm Water Pollution and what you can do to prevent it, please visit our website:
www.cityoflacrescent-mn.gov and select the 'Administration' menu title and then from the drop-down menu select 'Storm Water & Erosion Control'



Street Construction

Resurfacing will be done on Spruce Street, between South 7th and South 11th Streets along with Balsam Ave., on or around September 1st.



For some tips on how to preserve and protect our water visit the h2you website at: <https://h2youmn.com/tips/>



Pay your water bill with Online Pay

The City of La Crescent partners with PSN which is a national payment that residents can use to pay their water and sewer bill online. Visit our website www.cityoflacrescent-mn.gov, menu item 'Pay My Bill.' You can also call 877-885-7968 for assistance.

Pay now, schedule a payment or set up Auto-Pay. Please opt out of paper bills to help save money and be GREEN. An email is sent when your bill is ready. If you choose to use this service we recommend setting your payment date no later than the 10th or 12th of the month.



City Compost Site and Recycling Center

The **City Compost Site** (Located on Main St. just beyond Classic Rock) is open Mondays from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for the deposit of your trees, leaves and grass.

The **Recycling Center** - operated by Houston County (160 S. 3rd St., Take Chestnut St. to south side of 'City-Door' previously known as the Commodore or Flea Market building. Site is located behind building and across the railroad tracks.) is open Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For questions please call: 507-725-5800

Upcoming Events

Farmers Market (Event Center Parking Lot, 595 Veterans Pkwy)

Tuesdays 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

May 11th - October 12th

The City is currently accepting applications for City Boards/Commissions/Committees. If you or someone you know are interested, please visit the City Government link on our website. The application is available on any of the Commission/Committee links. Applications can also be picked up at the front desk of City Hall.

The La Crescent Newsletter is printed in Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter. In the interim, information regarding the City can be found on our website.
www.cityoflacrescent-mn.gov

Are you new to La Crescent? View the 'Welcome to La Crescent' guide on our website or pick up a copy at City Hall, 315 Main Street.

Would you be willing to help the City in our continued effort of going "Green?" Please consider receiving the Fall/Winter issue of the Newsletter via email. Simply send your email address to aboettcher@cityoflacrescent-mn.gov.

City Council

The City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays every month in the City Council Chamber. Meetings are open to the public.

Council Members:

Mayor - Mikel Poellinger

Ryan Hutchinson
Cherryl Jostad
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner
Dale Williams

Council Agenda's, Meeting minutes, and Meeting packets can be found on the City website:

www.cityoflacrescent-mn.gov 'City Government' tab.

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